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Applicant: Ashkenazi, et al. Docket No.: 39780-2630P1C10  
Serial No.: 09/978,194 Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filing Date: October 15, 2001 Examiner: Kemmerer, Elizabeth  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

**EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EL 993 688 757 US**

**Date Mailed: July 15, 2004**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on June 15, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following arguments. This response is filed within two month from the date of the Office Action.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.